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**A SOUND EXAMPLE.**

THE Herald has a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Economy," who wishes to know how we reconcile our advice for care and thought and economy in expenditure of highway funds with our instant advocacy of the immediate construction of University boulevard. It's the simplest thing in the world. The proposed University boulevard, which we believe soon will be a reality, is our idea of the highest ideal in economical, desirable road building; the very perfection of an investment for highway funds. It is the exact opposite of wastefulness, carelessness, thoughtlessness, recklessness in road building.

This proposed construction is part of a main state highway. It is the most used mile of highway in the state; placing it in permanent good shape will serve the greatest good of the greatest number of highway users in Bernalillo county, which should be the object to be reached in every piece of road construction initiated.

Moreover, this proposed construction will be permanent; its exact cost can be determined and will be determined before a single scraper load of dirt is moved; the people will know before a dollar goes in to this construction that the dollar is to be well spent; what it is to be spent for and why. And this piece of highway, when completed, will not only be permanent but easy and inexpensive of maintenance.

Thus it seems to us that this particular road project meets all the requirements of road economy.

When you add to this the fact that Albuquerque and Bernalillo county owe this service to the state's principal educational institution; that property owners will pay a large part of the cost, and that the small portion of the money of the taxpayers used will serve the greatest possible number, as well as assist materially in developing trade into Albuquerque and the county, it seems that sufficient has been said to convince my correspondent that we are in no way inconsistent in advocating at once immediate construction of University boulevard and the greatest care and thought and caution in highway building by the citizens of New Mexico.

**ANOTHER HISTORY MAKING CONFERENCE.**

ANNOUNCEMENT was made Saturday that the preliminary arrangements are completed for the largest and most comprehensive international conference which has ever been held in the United States. From December 25, 1915, to January 8, 1916, or a period of two weeks, there will meet in Washington, D. C., the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, in which all of the American republics will participate and for which preparations have been going on for nearly two years.

According to the official reports from each of the governments now in the hands of Director General John Barrett of the Pan-American Union, who is secretary general of the congress, each one of the twenty-one American republics will appoint delegations composed of its leading educators, economists, engineers, international lawyers and experts on concerning agriculture, health, transportation and finance. From present indications it is estimated that there will be in attendance over one hundred and fifty of the most representative men of Central and South America, or more than have ever participated in any other international conference held in America. From the United States, aside from the official delegation, there will be present over six hundred special representatives from its universities, colleges and scientific societies. President Davis R. Braden of the University of New Mexico is among those who have been invited, and expects to attend. It is possible that members of the university faculty may accompany him.

Already the Latin-American countries are manifesting extraordinary interest in the program, while more attention is being given to it by the scientists of America than they have ever shown in any other international meeting. It therefore bids fair to attract worldwide attention and to

mark a new era in Pan-American scientific progress.

It will be signified by an effort to promote closer relations among the American republics along intellectual and educational lines rather than along material and political lines. In the same way that the regular international conferences of the American Republics have developed closer political ties, and the recent Pan-American financial conference helped to promote better financial understanding, so correspondingly this congress will bring the Americas more intimately together upon a high plane of intellectual, scientific, educational and social progress and intercourse. According to the opinion freely expressed by prominent Latin Americans in both the United States and South America, this conference will do more to promote practical Pan-Americanism than all the other conferences put together.

This international gathering is called the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress because the first was held in Santiago, the capital of Chile, in 1908. That was attended by hundreds of the leading scientists of the Americas, including a large delegation from the United States. When it adjourned it unanimously agreed to hold the second in Washington. The United States government has therefore appropriated fifty thousand dollars for the expenses of the conference, and the president of the United States was authorized by congress to invite all the other American governments to participate.

**CARRANZA'S HERCULEAN TASK.**

RECOGNITION of Carranza—and, fully as important, the embargo placed upon shipments of arms to any of his foes, puts the Mexican situation upon a new basis and one from which it is possible to extract considerable hopefulness.

Those who have always believed in intervention do not think so and hold to the belief that this is only another fruitless move, as far as it concerns solving the economic problem—the problem of how to restore Mexican trade and commerce, which can only be done by guaranteeing to foreign interests their past losses and their future protection; because Mexico must depend almost entirely upon foreign capital to resurrect any prosperity for her.

It is estimated that the interests in Mexico belonging to outsiders total up in original value anywhere from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000. And that losses already incurred in these amount to from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

These losses must be made good and a sufficient guarantee furnished against future losses before many of the foreign operations already established there will resume.

With Mexico's customs destroyed and internal revenue parity, who is to make good on this proposition?

They believe that Carranza, backed up by the embargo and recognition, can restore order, as the lifeblood of revolutions is arms and munitions, and with these cut off movements of this character must dry up.

Control in Mexico means dictatorship. The only force which can maintain government there at present is the force of arms. There are none of the peaceful attributes among the population (at least in the great, preponderating majority) which go to stabilize a republic—patriotism, thrift, individual possession of much goods and money. To these the people as a whole have as yet to be educated, and mainly the seeds of such education have still to be sown—there are no roots and no upper growth.

The serious problem for Carranza is to restore the commerce and industries of Mexico, with enormous negotiations for losses to be paid first. It is a Herculean task—one requiring some statesmanship, aided by powerful banking and foreign forces.

In the meanwhile it is reasonable to expect that the Carranza government will be able to clean up the fighting and restore order. This, if accomplished, will be, after all, a great step forward.

**One-Sided**  
In half the women writers add half as many unkind things about men as nearly every male scribbling smart aleck says about women, the whole tribe of femininity would be called a race of "spiteful, disappointed old cats."

It is a deplorable situation. It is something that—when the average business man stops and considers, actually exists. How many business men have stone tablets that can spell and punctuate properly? Are we teaching our young people too much of the "fine arts" and neglecting the old-fashioned three "R's"?

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with, 'I seen him on the street yesterday.' To judge by their ages, each of these young people must have had not less than eight or ten years' schooling. They probably had received elementary, intermediate and a year or two of high school training in proper speech. They had been more or less intimately associated with people who speak correctly. There was no good reason why they should not adapt their own speech to the same form. But for a diameter of a mile or more, they omitted one horrible error after another, carelessly indifferent and unconcerned.

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**Off Again On Again**  
STRICKLAND & GILLIAN

The Saddest Sight  
When we wore out shoes reporting.  
We observed some grisly things—  
Oft with Death were we consorting.

As he came on sable wings,  
We have seen some brides so ugly  
That it broke our heart to say  
They were "lovely"—yet quite  
snugly.

Were our scruples tucked away.

We have witnessed things revolting.  
Day and night, along life's trail,  
Things heart-wrenching, spirit-jolting.

Things that made us dumbly quaff.  
We have raked the wicked city  
Seeking things that might appeal,  
But The-Man-Who-Thinks-He's-Pretty.

Is the saddest sight of all?

Finnigan Philosophy  
Minny a man would hesitate to  
send his dog out wid a orsey boy,  
but lets his childher run around  
wid anybody that'll stand fer 'em.

Then The Train Started  
The three women in the turned-over seat were all talking at once.  
A custom they have among the  
vote-hungry sex.

All we heard, as the train stood  
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